

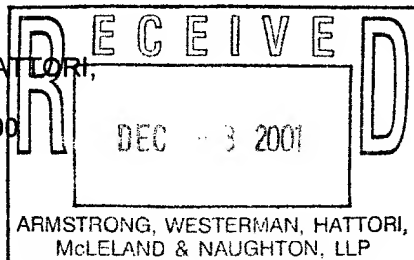


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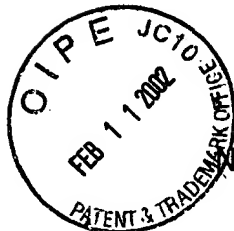
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$2026.
  - \$738 for 41 total claims over 20.
  - \$1008 for 12 independent claims over 3.
  - \$280 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2896.

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In re the Application of: **ASANO, Tsuyoshi**

**ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS**

Serial No.: **09/988,499**

Group Art Unit: **1722**

Filed: **November 19, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8570

For: **INJECTION MOLDING APPARATUS, INJECTION MOLDING SYSTEM,  
PELLET FEEDING UNIT, METHOD FOR INJECTION MOLDING AND  
INJECTION MOLDING PRODUCT**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

February 11, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated **November 30, 2001**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of **\$2,896.00**, for the government filing fee of **\$740.00**, **\$738.00** for extra claims, **\$1,008.00** for independent claims, **\$280.00** for multiple dependent claims, and the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration. In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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